

June 16, 1972

Mr. James Xanthos  
P. O. Box 1114  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

Dear Jim:

Enclosed you will find the initial draft of historical information for the proposed Bingham Canyon marker. It will need to be condensed but at this point will serve as a spring board for discussion. Please feel free to comment, add to or deduct therefrom, in order that we may aim in the direction you had in mind. When you are ready, we can get together and refine the wording and make final plans for ordering the marker. As I mentioned over the phone, I have investigated several markers.

a. A granite marker 6' long and 4' high and 1' thick with adequate base and 1,000 carved letters would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,700.00. Additional letters would cost 40¢ apiece. In this case we would not need the large boulder from Kennecott.

b. A solid bronze marker or markers that could be attached to the large boulders would cost slightly over \$1.00 per square inch.

As an example, a marker 3' by 4' installed on the flat surface of the boulder would be approximately \$2,000.00. This does not include making the surface of the boulder flat.

One marker 2' by 3' would cost approximately \$1,500.00 to install.

c. An aluminum alloy marker, 2' by 3', anodized light and dark bronze, would cost approximately \$350.00 to install. Again, this does not include making the surface of the boulder flat.

Please contact me when you want to take the next step, and thanks again for sharing your enthusiasm with me during our trip to Bingham Canyon.

Best regards,

Gary D. Forbush  
Preservation Planning Director  
GDF:hm  
Enclosure

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
MIDWEST REGION  
Omaha, Nebraska

*To Mel Smith*

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Memorandum

DEPT. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

L.W.

To: Superintendent, Timpanogos Cave

From: Assistant Director, Cooperative Activities

Subject: Bingham Canyon Open Pit Copper Mine National Historic Landmark

In response to Mr. Bullington's telephone call to Mr. Dosch we have enclosed four copies of the historic landmark agreement for the signature of the owner of the Bingham Copper Mine.

One copy is for the owner and one is for your files. Please send the remaining two signed copies to this office.

When we have the signed agreement we will place an order for the plaque and certificate. We will have both items shipped to Timpanagos Cave. Allow about six weeks for delivery.

In accordance with the Landmark Program, this office will be pleased to make an official presentation of the plaque and certificate to the owner if he so desires.

Also enclosed are two copies of the folder explaining the Historic Landmark Program.

(SGD) KENNETH R. KRABENHOFT

Assistant Director  
Cooperative Activities

Enclosures

cc:

State Coordinator, Utah

State Liaison Officer for Historic Preservation, Utah

**Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior**

SITE NOT VISITED  
Office Review Only

**NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS REPORT: 1978**

M/035/002

**I. General Background**

**1. Official Landmark name:** Bingham Canyon Open Pit Copper Mine

**Address:** Mine located 16 miles SouthWest of Salt Lake City,  
UT on Utah Highway 48.

**2. Name, address, phone number of the Landmark owner:**

Kennecott Copper Corporation, Kennecott Bldg., SLC, UT (Phone: 521-3380)

**3. Name, title, address, and phone number of person responsible for the management of the Landmark:** (If same as person in number 2, write 'same').

Verne Huser, Public Relations Representative. Same address as #2.

**4. Name, title, address and phone number of additional person(s) contacted about this Landmark:**

Kent Powell and Wilson Martin, Coordinators, Historic Preservation, Office of Preservation, Utah State Historical Society. (Phone: 801-533-5755)

**5. Name, region and phone number of HCRS official preparing report:**

Robert Arkins, Assistant Regional Director, HCRS, MCRO, Denver. 234-3523

**6. Date of this report:**

June 22, 1978

**II. Condition and Maintenance of Buildings, Sites and Historic Districts**  
(If Landmark is visited, provide photographs (or slides) of serious problems or possible threats)

No site visit conducted.

**1. Architectural or Engineering Features**

a. What is the general physical condition? excellent ☒ good  
needs repairs (explain)

b. Are there any obvious structural problems or water related problems?  
☒ no yes (describe)

c. Are there planned future building alterations or new construction?  
no ☒ yes (explain) The size of the open pit mine continues  
to grow as mining continues.

d. Are there historic interior furnishings present? yes ☒ no  
Are they well cared for? yes no (explain)

Will they be retained? yes no (explain)

e. Is there historic machinery or equipment present? yes ☒ no  
Is it well cared for? yes no (explain)

Will it be retained? yes no (explain)

# UTAH HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

We are interested in locating your historic, architectural, and archeological sites. Please circle the items that apply to this particular site. Briefly, write in the information requested. If you do not know some of the facts, send in what you have now. Simply fold the form, tape or staple it together, and mail it to us. Thank you.

Name of site: Kennecott Copper Corp - at one time Utah Copper Co.

1. Site: Building      Structure      SiteX      District      Trail  
 a. Kind: Home      Public      CommercialX      Agriculture      Church      Other  
 b. Construction material: Log      Frame      Adobe      Brick      Rock      Other
2. People: a. Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Architect: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Others: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Location:  
 a. Present address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Original (if moved): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current report:  
 a. Condition: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Use: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Future plans (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Significance:  
 a. Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Important people: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Important events: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Distinctive architecture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. Other factors: \_\_\_\_\_
6. This report completed by:  
 a. Name: Mae Stillman  
 b. Address: City Hall, Bingham Canyon, Utah  
 c. Telephone number: 774 2791

We have nothing left in Bingham but the Kennecott.

2. Environmental, Battlefield, Natural and Archeological Features N/A

- a. What is the general condition of the site? ☐ excellent ☐ good  
☐ needs repairs (explain)
- b. Are there visible archeological ruins, remains or artifacts? ☐ yes ☐ no  
Are they well cared for? ☐ yes ☐ no (explain)
- c. Has there been recent site disturbance, digging, or construction?  
☐ no ☐ yes (explain)
- d. Are there plans for future site work or construction?  
☐ no ☐ yes (explain)

3. Historic District Features (Not a district)

- a. What is the general physical condition of the buildings, roadways, and other historic features of the district? ☐ excellent ☐ good  
☐ needs repair (explain)
- b. In general, what is the level of construction activity in the district?  
☐ high construction activity ☐ moderate ☐ low
- c. Is there a local design review board, historic district commission, or other governmental body which reviews construction activity in the district? ☐ yes ☐ no

III. Building, Site, or Historic District Integrity

1. Are there any conditions on the lands adjacent to the Landmark that might result in serious impairment, diminishment, or destruction of Landmark resources, character, and/or significance? ☒ no ☐ yes (explain)
2. Has there been an introduction of visual, audible, or atmospheric elements that are out of character with the property and its setting?  
☒ no ☐ yes (explain)
3. Are there any potential threats (i.e., highways, adjacent construction, zoning changes, etc.) likely to occur in the future? ☒ no ☐ yes (explain)
4. Is there any urgency regarding any of the threats? ☒ no ☐ yes (explain)

5. Does the owner show interest in the long term preservation of the Landmark?  
\_\_\_no Xyes (explain)

#### IV. Supplementary Information

1. Does the Landmark have a plaque? Xyes \_\_\_no  
Is it displayed? Xyes \_\_\_no
2. Has an agreement form been submitted? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no  
If no, does the owner wish to sign an agreement with HCRS? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

#### V. Comments

The mine continues to grow in size which will eventually require a relocation of the observation point and mine overlook area where the plaque is located. Conditions observed during the 1977 inspection are essentially the same in 1978.

*Robert J. Albright*

(Date)

Mr. George B. Hartzog, Jr.  
Director, National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Hartzog:

As the (owner, owners) of Bingham Canyon Open Pit Copper Mine

located in Salt Lake County Utah  
(City) (County) (State)

(I,we) hereby make formal application for a certificate and a bronze plaque, 17" x 18" designating this historic property a National Historic Landmark. (Check one or both as desired.)

1. Fully conscious of the high responsibility to the Nation that goes with the ownership and care of a property classified as having national significance and worthy of National Historic Landmark status, (I,we) agree to preserve, so far as practicable and to the best of (my,our) ability, the historical integrity of this important part of the national cultural heritage.
2. Toward this end, (I,we) agree to continue to use the property only for purposes consistent with its historical character.
3. (I,we) agree to permit an annual visit to the property by a representative of the National Park Service, as a basis for continuing Landmark status.
4. If, for any reason, the three conditions mentioned above cannot continue to be met, it is agreed that the National Historic Landmark status shall cease and that until such status is restored by the Secretary of the Interior, neither the National Historic Landmark certificate nor the plaque will be displayed.

Sincerely yours,